Federal Region VIII Opioid Misuse Consultation Team

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Purpose:

Lead and engage Region VIII States, Tribal Nations, local communities and Federal agencies in comprehensive and coordinated responses to the public health crisis of prescription drug misuse and opioid addiction.

*Region VIII States and Tribal Nations within Colorado, Montana, North Dakota, South Dakota, Utah, & Wyoming

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Region VIII Opioid Misuse Consultation Team:

- Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)
 - o Office of the Regional Director (ORD)
 - Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA)
 - Office of the Assistant Secretary for Health (OASH)
 - Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA)
 - Indian Health Services (IHS)
 - Centers for Medicaid and Medicare Services (CMS)
 - Administration for Community Living (ACL)
 - Food and Drug Administration (FDA)
 - o Administration for Children and Families (ACF)
 - Office of the Inspector General (OIG)
 - o Office of the Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response (ASPR)
 - o Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)
- Department of Veterans Affairs (VA)
- Department of Agriculture (USDA)
- Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)
- Federal Agency Advisors:
 - Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)
 - Department of Justice, Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA)

Consultation Activities:

- Provide subject matter and programmatic expert consultation to states, tribes and local communities on topics related to Opioid Misuse such as: policy, finance, data collection & evaluation, clinical practice standards, provider education and training, community education & prevention, clinical program development and implementation (e.g., SBIRT, MAT, PDMP, EHR, Recovery), pharmaceutical expertise, harm reduction & opioid overdose prevention, collaboration and coordination with 1st responders (e.g. LE, EMS, Fire, Forest Service), child welfare, veterans administration, housing providers etc.
- Identify and coordinate Federal, State, Tribal and local resources/grants/technical assistance to support state, tribal, local community response to prescription drug misuse & opioid addiction.
- Strategic review of State and Tribal policies, rules, and laws that support and guide State, Tribal, and local prescription drug misuse and opioid addiction response strategies.
- Facilitate regular educational conference calls and opportunities for dialogue between and among State, Tribal, local and Regional Federal leadership.
- Host bi-annual Federal Drug Take Back Day events.